Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In March 1880, Reverend Andrew Mueller, a missionary, came to Canistota to minister to the German families in the area; and,

Whereas, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church was formally organized in 1885 with 20 people signing the newly adopted constitution, and now has a baptized membership of 310 members; and,

Whereas, On February 3, 1892, an acre of land was purchased in Canistota for the building of the new church. The cornerstone was laid on May 26, 1892, and the current church was updated in 1950, 1974, 1985, and 1995; and,

Whereas, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church started a Lutheran parochial school in 1885. The school has since closed, but the church continues its commitment to Lutheran education with the Zion Lutheran Preschool serving the children of its congregation and the community of Canistota since 1997; and,

Whereas, In 1912, the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church joined the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and continues its commitment to that denomination today; and,

Whereas, On July 11, 2010, the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church will celebrate 125 years of serving the Canistota community and surrounding area through its service to God with the theme "*Singing the Praises of Zion*":

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 11, 2010, as

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH QUASQUICENTENNIAL DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State